



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is considering expanding the ENERGY STAR label to several new product categories. This action is based on industry interest in promoting specific products, as well as ENERGY STAR analysis of the market and potential aggregate energy savings.

DOE proposes to expand the range of sizes and configurations to include all refrigerators, freezers, and refrigerator-freezers, including compact, mid-size, and standard sizes, as well as manual and partial-automatic defrost. Detailed, proposed specifications are attached and have been posted at:  
<http://www.energystar.gov/opie/whats happening/>

You are invited to participate in a meeting to discuss these proposed changes. The meeting will be held at **DOE Headquarters, Room 1E245 in Washington, DC on July 18, 2002**, from 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM EDT. A detailed agenda is also attached.

Prior to making a final decision, DOE requests additional stakeholder feedback, in writing. DOE will continue to accept stakeholder comment for two weeks after the public meeting. Final decisions on additional refrigerator and freezer ENERGY STAR labeling requirements will then be issued.

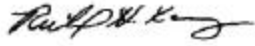
The schedule for the review and decision process for an extension of the ENERGY STAR label to various sizes and configurations of refrigerators and freezers (residential) is:

- \$ June 28, 2002: RSVP due for meeting, as well as initial written comments
- \$ July 18, 2002: Meeting at US DOE, Room 1E245, Washington, D.C.
- \$ August 2, 2002: Final written comment due from stakeholders
- \$ August 30, 2002: Final decision issued on addition of various sizes and configurations of refrigerators and freezers (residential) to the ENERGY STAR program

DOE carefully considers stakeholder feedback when making decisions. This advance notice is designed to provide additional time to prepare comments on each product category. Stakeholder feedback previously has been requested and/or received, either formally or informally, for all product categories noted above. The schedule above outlines the final comment period for these product categories.

To RSVP for the meeting and to submit written comments, please contact Sean Gibson at D&R International at 650-726-2895 or [sgibson@drintl.com](mailto:sgibson@drintl.com). ENERGY STAR appreciates your continued involvement.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Karney".

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